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GENERAL INFORMATION. The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE), Lackland AFB, TX, is planning to contract with firms to perform environmental operations and services to address environmental needs at Air Force installations and other locations worldwide in accordance with technical and regulatory requirements. Contracts may also include a limited range of environmental construction, advanced research and development, and architect-engineer services, as required in support of environmental operations and services activities, and demolition services. The following are not expected to be included in the scope of any contract: stand-alone design, traditional construction, advisory and assistance services, and basic research. The procedures applicable to the acquisition of architect-engineer services, as prescribed in FAR Subpart 36.6, will not apply to any contract.

AFCEE anticipates the award of Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts to multiple firms using NAICS code 562910. The business size standard associated with this NAICS code is 500 employees. All sub-categories of small businesses are being looked at during our market research phase.

AFCEE is considering the inclusion of Firm Fixed Price (FFP) or Cost-Plus Fixed-Fee (CPFF) pricing arrangements in each contract. Additionally, we currently anticipate that each contract will have a basic ordering period of five years with three additional years for performance. Central Contract Registration (CCR) will be mandatory for these contracts (see CCR website at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)).

AFCEE requests comments from interested parties to the following questions:

1. Please provide your comments on the scope of work contemplated in the draft PWS. Do you have experience performing the services identified in the draft PWS, or similar services? Please explain. Please identify the locations where you have performed such services, both

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CONUS and OCONUS, to include services performed for DOD, other government agencies, and private sector customers.

2. Please comment on the ordering period and period of performance anticipated for this contract.
3. Please provide your comments on the pros and cons of using full-trade-off source selection procedures for this effort.
4. Please provide your comments on the pros and cons of using price performance tradeoff (PPT) source selection procedures for this effort.
5. Given the scope of work contemplated in the draft PWS, please provide your comments as to what criteria would most effectively distinguish one firm's capabilities from another's. Please explain.
6. AFCEE is considering incorporating a requirement for the use of green and sustainable environmental services. Do you have experience performing these services? Please explain.
7. Task orders valued up to approximately \$25M may be issued under any resultant contract. What is the minimum and maximum dollar value project on which your firm would routinely consider submitting a proposal? What maximum capacity of work can your firm reasonably manage while assuring effective project implementation and maintaining quality services?
8. What is your business size? If you are a small business, under which of the following subcategories, (8(a), small disadvantaged business, woman-owned small business, veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, service disabled veteran-owned small business, and HBCU/MI) are you certified?
9. If you are a small business, would you consider submitting a proposal as a prime contractor?
10. Is your company able and willing to perform efforts worldwide? If not, please explain.
11. What is your capability to effectively manage simultaneous, geographically-dispersed environmental operations and services task orders? How can this capability be most effectively demonstrated to the Government under a solicitation?
12. Would your firm participate in this acquisition with other firms as teaming members or joint ventures? What other teaming opportunities would you anticipate for this acquisition?
13. In your view, is the proposed NAICS code (562910) the most appropriate code for this work? Would your firm be able to compete as a small business under this NAICS code?
14. Please provide your comments on whether the following subcontracting goals, , would be realistic.

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- Small Business	28% (total obligated dollars)
- Small Disadvantaged Business	5% (anticipated subcontracted dollars)
- Woman Owned Small Business	5% (anticipated subcontracted dollars)
- HUBZone Small Business	3% (anticipated subcontracted dollars)
- Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3% (anticipated subcontracted dollars)
- Veteran Owned Small Business	3% (anticipated subcontracted dollars)

If you do not feel these goals are realistic, please comment as to what goals would be appropriate and include supporting rationale.

15. Task orders will be performance-based, to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with FAR Subpart 37.6. Please provide your comments on the performance objectives, performance standards, methods of measurement, performance metrics, and performance incentives that should be used to evaluate performance for the various tasks identified in the draft PWS.

16. AFCEE is planning to host a Pre-solicitation Conference for this requirement. What format for this event do you think would be most beneficial? What topics would you like to hear discussed and how many people would you want to send from your team?

17. Do you have any other comments or suggestions that you would like to share with us?

Please include the following with your response: name and address of firm; size of business, classification standard, point of contact and telephone number, average annual revenue for past three years and number of employees, affiliate information: parent company, joint venture partners, and potential teaming partners. Please e-mail responses to [afcee.ac.eos@us.af.mil](mailto:afcee.ac.eos@us.af.mil) no later than 21 Apr 2010. Since this is an RFI to be used in planning a future acquisition, please do not send in any proposals. Request for proposals, if and when issued, will be available on the Internet at FedBizOpps.gov. As such, it is the potential offeror's responsibility to monitor these sites for the release of any additional information.

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